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28 First among these is the making of articles of wool (sheep's
wool and camel's hair), including felt, camel's-hair cloth,
286 woven tape, and cord. The camel's-hair cloth ("shekpek") is
[462] made of fine threads of sheep and camel wool. The weaving is
done exclusively by women (with the participation of two or three
children). The loom, warp, etc. are prepared each time by a
woman specialist. The camel's-hair cloth is used for clothing
and in the economy (for bags, etc.). Decorative tapes of various
widths ("bas-kur" and "uy-bau") are also woven from camel's wool.
This work, when done by expert women, is not only neat and
287 clean, but also beautiful in design. Much felt is also made
(from sheep wool) and finds a wide sale among the Kirghiz
/Kazak/, as do all the above articles. Sometimes colored patterns
are rolled out on the felt. The making of felt is most primitive.
The wool is laid in layers on top of matting, rolled up in a tube,
283 hot water is poured on it, and it is beaten on the ground. Ropes
286 are also twisted out of hair and wool. The Kirghiz /Kazak/, how-
462 ever, still do not know finer weaving. All the processes men-
tioned above are done only by women. Only occasionally do the
men shear the wool from the animals.

463 The men work with leather, making shoes from it, and en-
283 gage in carpentry and metalworking. /Illustration appears here./
282 The chief products of the latter are the framework (the kerege and
327 other parts) of the yurt and vessels, saddles, and vehicles -- the
326 arba /a two-wheeled wagon/ and the telega /four-wheeled wagon/,
[462] the latter being produced only recently. The metalworkers en-
[294] gage in the finishing of saddles, stirrups, and other parts of the
326 harness. There are skilled appliers of silver and fine mosaic work
(incrustation) on metal articles, in the fashioning of vessels and
other objects of horn and ivory.

226 There is fishing among the /214/ Kirghiz /Kazak/ in the
Zaisan and Chu regions and in part among the Ural Kirghiz
224 /Kazak/, but it is not of great importance for them. All Kirghiz
223 /Kazak/ have a passion for hunting, especially with a falcon or
golden eagle, but less as a practical occupation than as an
interesting sport and recreation. Hunting has a practical
character for only a small part of the population.
1 [i.e. The domestic occupations of the Kazak -- Analyst]